

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 1, after the Title and before the first paragraph, insert:

**BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION**

Page 1, replace the last paragraph that is continued on page 2 with:

In order to detect deformations in a civil engineering structure, at pre-defined thresholds, FR 2-72-78-677 2 728 677 has suggested incorporating parallel threads in the geosynthetic fabric, which are capable of transmitting signals and calibrated to pre-determined elongation at break values. The deformation threshold attained is measured by sending signals through the threads and by detecting the presence or absence of response to such signals.

Page 2, after the second full paragraph, insert:

**SUMMARY OF THE INVENTION**

Page 4, after the fifth full paragraph, insert:

**BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF THE DRAWINGS**

Page 4, after the ninth full paragraph, insert:

**DETAILED DESCRIPTION OF THE EXEMPLARY EMBODIMENT**